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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays and

Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Senators and Representatives in Congress

will be received by the President every day,

except Mondays, from 10 until 12.

Persons not members of Congress having

business with the President will be received

from 12 until 1 on Wednesdays, Thursdays

and Saturdays.

Those who have no business, but call

merely to pay their respects, will be

received by the President in the East Room

at 1 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and

Saturdays.

HALESTAD AND THE SENATE.

There appears a disposition in the

Senate to oppose the confirmation of

Murat Halstead as Minister to Germany.

This was hardly what might have been

expected from men of fair impulses or

broadness and generosity of view. No

one pretends to doubt Mr. Halstead's

honesty or ability. A man with a

thousand opportunities for acquiring

wealth by devious means, he is not

wealthy; to take a course in opposition to

his sense of right, he has not swerved

from mere policy's sake. Somewhat

reckless he may have often been, ex-

treme and rough he may have often

been, but he has been earnest and

honest. Big men do not cherish malice

for hard blows dealt in open fight, and

Halstead has always fought openly. It

is to the credit of the greatest of Demo-

cratic editors that he at least is just to

his political adversary; it is not to the

credit of some of those in his own party

whom Mr. Halstead has criticized that

they should now exhibit what resembles

a venal spirit.

To the Senate belongs, legally, the

privilege of confirming or rejecting a

Presidential nomination, but, morally

at least, it has no right to reject a good

man on grounds of personal feeling

alone. The United States Senate is a

body open always to the criticism of

the people. It is the duty of the press

to make this criticism, and it would be

a sad day for the country were this

right not boldly exercised. The rejection

of Murat Halstead must be looked

upon as a punishment of the too im-

petuous performance of this duty.

John Sherman of Ohio stood out well

yesterday when he said truly that if he

could forgive and forget, others could

not.

GOVERNOR HILL'S SENSIBLE ACT.

Governor Hill of New York has

done one act which will increase his

popularity. The so-called "society

leaders" who seem to have taken charge

of the centennial celebration in New

York, under a mistaken impression that

they comprised all the State, showed

no courtesy to the Legislature. Gov-

ernor Hill, ascertaining the fact, di-

rected the Adjutant-General to draw up

an order countermanding the order for

a parade of the National Guard on

April 30. This order takes out of the

parade the 13,000 soldiers of the Na-

tional Guard. It has not been issued,

but Adjutant-General Porter drew it

up and gave it to the Governor. It needs

only the Governor's signature and pub-

lication to become a law. The result

is, already, the exhibition of a little less

idiotry on the part of the celebration

managers.

FUNNY IDEA FROM ABROAD.

That is a funny dispatch that comes

from Berlin. It is to the effect that the

Cologne Gazette, in a supposedly in-

spired article, says that the Minister and

Ambassador who will represent the

other two powers at the Samoan con-

ference will outrank the American de-

legates and embarrass the conferees. It

would be bad, indeed, if the other rep-

resentatives at the conference so outrank

ours that it will embarrass everybody;

but the Cologne Gazette needn't worry.

graph, but Mr. W. A. Michener, who has

been on the paper for some time, will do

the active editorial work. Secretary Tracy

is an intimate friend of Mr. Raymond and

was closely associated in many ways with

his father, the late Henry J. Raymond, the

founder of the New York Times. The se-

lection is an excellent one.

FOUR American roughs crossed the Rio

Grande into Paso del Norte last night and

laid a row just for the fun of it. Two

Mexican policemen were killed in attempt-

ing to arrest them. Now is the time to

wave the American flag and protect those

four citizens against Mexican outrage,

unhappily just.

The American baseball teams have called

for home, and in the course of two weeks

they will be coming to Washington to give

Mr. Harrison the pleasure of seeing them—

he sees so few people, you know.

THE LONDON EDITION of the New York

Herald has expressed a sensible thought.

It is to the effect that the chief need of

France is not so much a Napoleon as a

competent bookkeeper.

IT APPEARS THAT the names of some of

New York's Four Hundred are on the

delinquent tax list. The Four Hundred

ought to preserve the thrift at least of the

Dutch bucksters they boast of as ancestors.

THE New York Legislature has voted

against the Woman Suffrage bill, but Gov-

ernor Hill will virtually veto it by getting

married when the June roses begin to

blush.

NOW IF RUSSELL HARRISON, co-partner

in Frank Leslie's Newspaper, could only

offer an office as a premium for each

club of ten subscribers!

THE U. S. Senate should go into the

business of manufacturing muzzles for the

press. Beg pardon, gentlemen.

IF EDITOR WATERBURY had been in the

U. S. Senate, Editor Halstead would have

been confirmed with a whirl.

CRITICULAR.

In France Minister Reid can use the edi-

torial "let us" all he pleases.

Yes, let us let Halstead? Oh, Halstead,

he's all right.

P. S. This is a Senate conundrum.

Mr. Allen Thorndyke Rice to Mr. Thomas

F. Bayard: No, Tom, you can't be my Sec-

retary of Legislation; "Arthur Richmond" has

secured the job.

A SHADOW.

Beautiful Spring is coming.

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THE TOWN'S PHOTOGRAPH.

The Capital City supports 300 horses for

saddle purposes only. Most of these saddle

horses are of Kentucky breed, and are

trained for trotting and cantering, though

the "steeple-foot" gait is the

variant, the rack. Washington cannot

count, as does New York city, of any ani-

mals from the celebrated Prussian breeding

establishment at Trakehne. Whatever the

breed, many of the Washington saddle-

horses are high-strung enough; and, indeed,

an amusing story is going the rounds about

a certain representative of a high foreign

power, for whom one of these Kentucky

steeds proved intractable. A high hat was

ruined, a pair of breeches distressingly

torn, a well-known society lady sadly

shocked, and a riderless horse stopped by a

passer-by out near the Soldiers' Home. But

all this is told in most cautious

whispers.

"If you ask me what I think of horse-

manship at Washington," said an ex-officer

in the British cavalry to a Critic reporter,

"I'll tell you that, taken altogether, it's

very bad indeed. I'm not so bogged as to

believe that there is perfect except in the

cavalry set, but I must say I like some

uniformity in the style of equestrianism,

and Washington riders lack it entirely. A

few days ago I observed a party of Wash-

ington men and women on horseback, and

I must say I never saw such an incongruous

set in saddles before, except, perhaps, in

my boyhood, when all the ladies in the

neighborhood mounted on horses they

could borrow and followed across country

a pack of howling curs on the scent of a

red herring trailed before them. Two of

these local equestrians rode trotting horses,

but their manner of riding was different.

One let his feet lie out on the horse's shoul-

ders, bent forward as if to view the trotter's

forefeet over its forehead, and rode to the

trot. His friend, evidently not of Anglo-
saxon tendencies, sat in his saddle like a

German cavalryman, regardless of the

violent thump his seat received at every

stride. The other two horses were very

well-riden, but one cantered and the other

progressed by the indescribable gait called

"single foot." I would not have you carry

away the idea that I think there are no

good riders at Washington. On the con-

trary, I have seen as good equestrians as

good equestrians as I have ever seen in the row."

"More respect should be shown the

United States flag at Washington," said a

gruff old admiral, as he came down the

steps of the Navy Department, "and if the

messengers are derelict in their duty at the